MINUTES

OF THE

ALABAMA BAPTIST

State Convention;

AND OF THE

BAP. BIBLE SOCIETY:

AT THEIR ANNUAL MEETING,

HELD IN GREENSBOROUGH,

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MINUTES.

THE members of the Convention assembled at the Baptist Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M. of Saturday, November 26th.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. A. T. M. Handy, from Psalms 69: 9.—"*The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.*"

The President, Thomas Chilton, taking the Chair, prayer was offered by M. P. Jewett.

Took a recess till half-past 2 o'clock.

SATURDAY, HALF-PAST 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met.

The names of Delegates being called for, representatives from the following Associations, Churches, &c. presented their credentials:

Alabama Association—H. TALBIRD, A. T. M. HANDY, E. W. Martin.

Bethel Association—A. A. CONNELLA, L. L. FOX, JOHN TALBERT, James Woodfin, sen'r.

Cahawba Association—J. E. SUMMERS, E. C. Norris, B. P. Hill, J. Kynard.

Salem Association—Letter and Funds.

Choctaw Association—Letter.

Coosa River Association—O. WELCH, H. E. TALIAFERRO, S. G. JENKINS, J. L. M. Curry.

Union Association—J. C. FOSTER, M. B. CLEMENT, E. B. TEAGUE, D. Butler.

Tuskaloosa Association—T. F. CURTIS, *B. Manly, jr.* E. Prince.

Bethlehem Association—P. STOUT, J. MITCHELL.

Tuskegee Association—SAMUEL HENDERSON.

Liberty Association (Chambers county)—JAMES M. RUSSELL, *J. W. Williams.*

Central Association (Sumter county)—J. G. COATS.

Central Association (Coosa county)—A. VAN HOOSE, J. W. Jeter.

Canaan Association—Letter and Funds.

Salem Church (Greensboro')—THOMAS CHILTON, W. J. Croom, D. Eddins. John May, C. C. Huckabee.

Spring Hill Church—A. A. CONNELLA, L. B. Lane, N. Smith, E. J. Palmer.

Bethel Church—J. W. May, A. Perry, W. S. May, R. Redding, B. P. Ferrell.

Siloam Church—J. HARTWELL, E. Fagan, D. Couch, L. C. Tutt.

Oakmulgee Church—O. H. Perry.

Concord Church—R. Shaffer.

NOTE.—Ordained Ministers, in SMALL CAPITALS; Licentiates, in *Italics.*

Benton Church—I. Lyon, J. C. Hill.
Centre Ridge Church—Funds.
Uniontown Church—J. G. Hudson, Edward Woodfin.
Tuskaloosa Church—C. F. Sturgis, J. B. Eddins.
Friendship Church—M. B. Clement, R. Fleming, William M. High.
Montgomery Church—H. Talbird.
Talladega Church—O. Welch.
St. Francis Street Church (Mobile)—S. Lindsley.
County Line Church—P. Stout, T. Lang.
Memphis Church—A. G. Agnew.
Wetumpka First Baptist Church—A. Van Hoose.
Mount Pleasant Church—F. F. Westbrook, C. Williams, E. A. Culpepper.
Union Church (Wilcox county)—P. Stout.
Cubihatchie Church—Funds.
Canton Church—P. Stout.
Selma Church—*P. E. Collins.*
Gainesville Church—D. P. Bestor, J. F. Robinson.
Big Spring Church—Funds.
Cahawba Valley Church—*J. R. Haggard.*
Grant's Creek Church—J. C. Foster, J. H. Foster, R. H. Foster.
Collirene Female Benevolent Society—I. Lyon, J. C. Hill.
Marion Female Benevolent Society—R. Holman, S. S. Sherman, A. B. Goodhue.
Greensborough Female Benevolent Society—James Head, Gray Huckabee, William Walker, J. A. Hendon, D. T. Stevens.
Judson Female Institute Missionary Society—M. P. Jewett.
Tuskaloosa Juvenile Missionary Society—T. F. Curtis.

FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Southern Baptist Convention—J. B. Taylor.
General Association of Virginia—J. B. Taylor.
Mississippi Baptist Convention—T. W. Haynes, J. B. Taylor.
Southern Baptist Publication Society—T. W. Haynes.

LIFE MEMBERS.

J. H. De Votie, E. D. King, William N. Wyatt, L. Goree, J. Lockhart.

Organized by the election of Officers: Thomas Chilton, President; J. Hartwell and E. D. King, Vice Presidents; J. H. De Votie, Corresponding Secretary; M. P. Jewett, Recording Secretary; P. Stout, Assistant Recording Secretary; L. C. Tutt, Treasurer.

Accepted the invitation of the Salem church, Greensboro', to celebrate the Lord's Supper with the members, on Sabbath evening.

The Chair announced the following committees:—[*List mislaid.*]

Received the Report of the Committee on Preaching.

Adjourned with prayer, to Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

THE LORD'S DAY.

On Sabbath morning, Doctors Manly and Hartwell, principal and alternate, failing, the Rev. C. F. Sturgis, by appointment, preached the Missionary Sermon before the Convention, at 11 o'clock.

At the same hour, brethren J. B. Taylor and B. Manly, jr. occupied the pulpits of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, respectively. Collections were taken in the several congregations, amounting to about eighty dollars.

In the evening, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to an assembly of several hundred communicants; brethren Taylor and Curtis, aided by the Pastor, officiating.

Brethren Fox and Chambliss filled the Presbyterian and Methodist pulpits, respectively, at the same hour.

At night, the Annual Sermon before the Alabama Baptist Bible Society was delivered by the Rev. M. B. Clement to a crowded auditory of deeply interested hearers. The collections for the Bible cause amounted to about two hundred dollars.

MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Convention opened with prayer by brother Welch.

Received the Report of the Trustees of Howard College; [Appendix A.] referred to the Committee on Education.

Received the Report of the Trustees of the Judson Female Institute: [Appendix B.] referred as above.

The Report of the Committee of Examination of the Beneficiaries of Howard College was received and adopted. [Appendix C.]

Appointed Delegates to Corresponding Bodies:

To the Mississippi Baptist State Convention—J. C. Foster, Bestor, Holman, Vanhoose.

To the Georgia Baptist State Convention—Jenkins, Holman, Henderson, Williams, Russell, Sturgis, J. C. Foster.

To the Indian Mission Association—Holman, Henderson, Talbird, DeVotie, Chilton, Connella, Taliaferro, Welch.

Received the Report of the Committee on Nominations, and elected as members of the Board of Directors, L. Y. Tarrant, A. G. McCraw, W. Hornbuckle, L. Goree, W. N. Wyatt, D. Couch, R. Holman, L. L. Fox, T. F. Curtis.

The following brethren, being one-third of the whole number, were elected members of the Board of Trustees of the Howard College, to serve for the next six years: L. B. Lane, J. G. Shorter, H. Talbird, D. P. Bestor, Wm. P. Chilton.

The Report on Temperance was received and adopted. [Appendix D.]

Adjourned to half-past 2 o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, HALF-PAST 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Adopted the Report of the Committee on Periodicals. [Appendix E.]

Under the recommendations contained in this Report, it was

Resolved, that the Convention recommend to the Proprietor of the Alabama Baptist, to engage the services of the Rev. T. F. Curtis, as Editor of said paper.

Resolved, that the next Annual Meeting of the Convention be held in Marion, Perry county, on the Saturday preceding the third Lord's day of next November.

Adjourned with prayer by brother Henderson.

TUESDAY, 9 o'CLOCK, A. M.

Convention met—prayer by brother Cummings.

Received the Report on Letters and Documents.

Received the Report on Sabbath Schools. [Appendix F.]

Appointed preachers before the next Convention: H. E. Taliaferro, to preach the Anniversary Sermon; L. L. Fox, alternate. D. P. Bestor, to preach the Missionary Sermon; R. Holman, alternate.

The Report on Education was adopted, with the Resolutions appended.—[Appendix G.] The following brethren were appointed, under the first resolution: Chilton, DeVotie, B. Manly, sen'r. Edward Baptist, Sherman, Curtis, Talbird, Hartwell, Bestor, Jewett.

Adopted the Report on the State of Religion. [Appendix H.]

The Report on Foreign Missions was presented and adopted. [Appendix I.] The reading was followed by some highly interesting statements by Rev. J. B. Taylor, Corresponding Secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Board of Missions.

The following brethren volunteered their services to the Contention, to act as Agents each one month, to present to the churches the claims of Foreign Missions: Bestor, Welch. Talbird, De Votie, Hartwell, J. W. Williams, Clement, B. Manly, jr. Henderson, Lyon, Teague, S. G. Jenkins.

Received the Report of the Treasurer—referred to the Committee on Claims. [Appendix J.]

Referred the examination and reception of Beneficiaries of Howard College, to the Board of Directors.

Resolved, that the Board of Directors make vigorous efforts to liquidate the debt incurred on account of the Theological students of Howard College; and that they endeavor to provide the means for sustaining a larger number of students having the gospel ministry in view.

Report on Domestic Missions, and Resolutions appended, read and adopted.—[Appendix K.] This was followed by some highly interesting remarks by brother H. E. Taliaferro, recently returned from a visit to Missouri.

The Report of the Committee on the Southern Baptist Publication Society was presented and rejected. On the invitation of the President, the Rev. T. W. Haynes, Agent of the said Society, addressed the Convention and urged its claims. Appointed Delegates to attend the next meeting of the Society: Holman, De Votie, Jenkins, Henderson.

The Committee on the Religious Instruction of the colored people, presented their Report—adopted. [Appendix L.]

The Committee on Claims reported—adopted.

Voted, that the Anniversary Sermon, at the next meeting of this body, be preached on Saturday night; and tht the business meetings of the Convention commence at 10 o'clock A. M. of that day.

Took a recess till 7 o'clock.

TUESDAY, 7 O'CLOCK P. M.

Convention opened with prayer by brother Hartwell.

Received the Report of the Committee on Finance—adopted. [Appendix M.]

Appropriated $90 for Minutes.

Voted, to pay over the funds sent up to this body for particular objects, to the Societies having those objects in charge.

Voted, that the excess of the moneys for General Purposes, after paying for the Minutes, be applied to the payment of debts due on account of the Beneficiaries of the Convention in the Howard College.

Voted, to permit the Alabama Baptist Bible Society to publish its Minutes in connection with those of this body.

Voted, that since this Convention can incur no legal responsibility, it is inexpedient for this body to contract any debt whatever.

Took recess to receive pledges of moneys for supporting the Beneficiaries in Howard College.

The following names were given, pledging, each, the payment of Five Dollars per annum, for five years: H. Talbird, W. J. Croom, J. H. De Votie, M. B. Clement, C. C. Huckabee, L. C. Tutt. Gray Huckabee, A. T. M. Handy. J. G. Hendon, E. Fagan, P. Stout, J. B. Eddins, A. A. Connella, I. Lyon, L. L. Fox, Mrs. S. J. Connella, Mrs. M. A. Walker, Mrs. Mary Hendon, Mrs. Martha H. Croom, Miss Mary Walker, Miss M. E. Hendon, Miss M. A. Stout, Miss M. Dillard (one dollar.)

The following brethren paid down the sums annexed to their names: E. Prince, $20. T. F. Curtis, $10. D. Eddins, $10.

Continued the recess to enable the Rev. S. Lindsley to present the claims of the St. Francis Street Baptist church, Mobile.

Resumed business.

The committee on the Names and Post Offices of Baptist Ministers in Alabama, were instructed to append the list to the Minutes.

Resolved, that the thanks of this Body be cordially tendered to the Pastors of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches, in this place, for their kindness in placing their Houses of Worship at the disposal of this Convention, during its sessions.

Resolved, that this Convention respectfully offers to the brethren in Greensborough, and to the citizens generally, its most grateful acknowledgments, for their kind attentions, and their generous Christian hospitality, so courteously bestowed upon its members.

Remarks by the President, were followed with prayer, by brother Bestor.

Adjourned, *sine die*. THOMAS CHILTON, *President*.

M. P. JEWETT, *Recording Secretary*.

P. STOUT, *Assistant Recording Secretary*.

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APPENDIX.

[A]

Sixth Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College.

The first and most important duty which claimed the attention of your Board, since their last report, was imposed by the following resolution, adopted by the Convention at its last session, to wit:—

"That this body make vigorous efforts to raise during the next five years, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, for the purpose of more amply endowing the College and placing it at once upon a permanent and honorable foundation."

A College may possess ample endowments, talented and faithful professors, with every facility for imparting knowledge which wealth can command or learning create, and yet fail to secure that degree of public confidence and support to which it is deservedly entitled. It has, therefore, appeared to your Board highly desirable that, while endeavoring to increase the means by which the Institution may be rendered more efficient and useful, they should also adopt suitable measures for securing the patronage and permanent support of those who may aid in its endowment. Generally, individuals contributing to any important object, will feel an interest in its success; but that interest is not unfrequently much augmented when it is known that they, or their posterity, may derive some direct individual advantage from their benefactions—some return for the investment made. With this view of the subject, the Trustees adopted the following plan, as the basis on which they would proceed to raise the fund contemplated in the above resolution.

1. Any individual, or association of individuals, subscribing one thousand dollars, payable on or before the first day of January, 1852, and paying 8 per cent. annual interest on the same from the 1st day of January, 1847, shall be entitled to a permanent scholarship in Howard College, and to an additional scholarship for each additional thousand dollars thus subscribed.

2. Any individual, or association of individuals, subscribing five hundred dollars, principal and interest payable as aforesaid, shall be entitled to the tuition of one pupil through an entire course, preparatory and collegiate; or to eight years tuition at the option of the subscriber.

3. Any minister of the gospel subscribing five hundred dollars, principal and interest payable as aforesaid, shall, in consideration of his calling and the sacrifices he is often required to make, be entitled to a permanent scholarship.

It was, of course, anticipated that the system of scholarships would diminish, in some degree, the annual income from tuition: but it is believed that the advantages attending this method of raising so large a fund, will greatly exceed the disadvantages.

The magnitude of the enterprise and the weighty consequences involved in the issue, appeared to your Board to require the services of an able and efficient agent; one of experience and energy, and of good report in all the churches.—Such an one they have found in the Rev. A. W. Chambliss. Though appointed one year ago, existing engagements did not permit him to enter upon the duties of his agency until the first of January last. Since that time he has been diligently engaged in obtaining subscriptions to the permanent fund, except when

prevented by sickness. His labors have, thus far, been attended with the most gratifying results, as will appear from the following statement contained in his late report.

"My visits," he says, "have been universally well received. The object contemplated has found a favorable reoeption. Throughout the entire limits of my travels, the brethren have seemed to be encouraged at the prospect of a Baptist College, and I am more sanguine than ever in the belief that, with steady, uniform and prudent effort, the College may be, in a few years, fully endowed; and endowed under such circumstances as will unite the hearts and feelings of the denomination of the State. As an earnest of this, I can now report $18,795 in notes and promises, as follows: Notes in hand, $15,790; cash $250; promises of cash, &c. $2,755. This I regard as cheering evidence of what may be done in years to come: for it will be remembered that in the early part of the year I was greatly hindered by high waters and excessive rains—that in the month of June, while in the most successful labor, I was taken sick and compelled to return home—that from that time until the first of September, I had the excessive heat of summer upon me—and, lastly, that only in the ninth month of the year, I was taken down with a violent fever and have been able to do nothing since. Under these circumstances, I believe, I have succeeded quite as well as was anticipated by the friends of the College; and now that I have learned the story better, I hope, if I continue in the agency after the present year, that I shall not come under the expectations created by past success."

The Board also report that they have purchased the valuable apparatus which the College has had in possession for some time past, and which formerly belonged to the Madison Labor Institute. They are to pay for it $2000, which is less than one half of the original cost. Some portions of the apparatus, particularly in the Chemical Department, were much injured by the fire that consumed the former building, but the losses have been supplied by recent purchases, and many other valuable articles added, so that it is now quite complete and will compare well with that of most colleges.

Arrangements were made at the annual meeting of the Board in July last, by which the debt incurred in building will soon be liquidated, and, though means are yet to be raised to pay for the apparatus, they hope to be able, by another year, to report freedom from debt.

The present condition of the College, and the successful management of its various interests, requiring that some one should be known and recognized as the responsible head, the Board have appointed Professor Sherman *President*. Prof. S. has hitherto discharged the duties of this position without a formal appointment, and the success which has attended his labors, both in instruction and government, induce the belief that the Institution will continue to prosper under his direction. Messrs. Goodhue and Mason have also been added to the Faculty, making the present number of instructors six. The number of pupils exceeds that of any previous year, one hundred and six having already entered.

In conclusion, the Board have only to state, that they consider the prospects of the College more encouraging and its condition more prosperous, than at any former period. The determination to endow it more amply has inspired confidence and awakened a more lively interest in many, who before looked upon our humble efforts and slow but steady progress with distrust, or, at best, with trembling apprehension. The favorable reception which the agent has every where met—the liberality with which brethren have contributed to the proposed endowment—the more perfect organization of the College, and the increased number of students, are cheering evidences of Divine approbation, and call for the most grateful acknowledgement on the part of the Board of Trustees.

E. D. KING, *President of the Board of Trustees.*

W. HORNBUCKLE, *Sec'ry.*

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To the President of the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

Annexed you have a statement showing the amount of indebtedness of the JUDSON FEMALE INSTITUTE, with interest computed on debits and assets, to the 1st August, 1848, showing an indebtedness of seven hundred and fifty dollars and ninety-six cents—($750 96).

We have been compelled, from necessity, to make sundry repairs and improvements, to meet the wants of the Institution during the past year. In the account, you will perceive that the expenses of two young ladies are added, who are enjoying the advantages of the Institute as beneficiaries.

We are happy to be able to report that, under the Providence of God, the Institute has enjoyed an unexampled degree of prosperity. We have the satisfaction to report, further, that we have been enabled to retain the services of our beloved brother M. P. Jewett, as Principal, who has presided over the Institution since its commencement, with so much zeal and ability. The number of Teachers employed is ten; the present session has opened with over 100 pupils.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. H. FOWLKES, *Sec'ry. of Board of Trustees.*

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Committee Appointed to Examine and Receive Beneficiaries Report:

That at the last meeting of the Convention, there were seven Theological students, to some of whom we afforded only their tuition; to others, their books and board. Five of these students, having completed the course thought best for them, have been honorably dismissed from the Institution, and are now laboring in different parts of the Lord's vineyard. Two of the number remain, and two others have been received.

Previously to the last Convention, the funds sent up to the meeting were sufficient to meet all demands against the Convention for the Beneficiaries. At the last meeting, there was a deficiency of $317 18, to meet the claims then allowed and ordered to be paid. This sum is now called for.

The expenses of the year now closed are about $250 for the board of our Beneficiaries, and books to the amount of about $15. Thus, the amount of indebtedness at this time is about $612 18.

All of which is submitted.

J. HARTWELL, *Chairman.*

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The Committee on Temperance Report:

That they have had the same under consideration and have availed themselves of all the information within their reach upon the subject, but have been able to collect together little that would claim the attention of this Convention.—Your committee regard Temperance Societies as good, but have reason to fear that the churches have depended too much upon these societies to carry on the temperance reform; hence decline has ensued. We cannot infringe on the liberty of the churches so far as to make temperance a test of membership, yet we ought to be very rigid in discipline in regard to it. Ministers ought to preach, advise, and tell the people their duty on this subject. They should converse with habitual drinkers, and recommend to the churches to deal with all

who become intoxicated, as the New Testament directs, immediately upon the charge being satisfactorily established. They should also urge their people to form temperance societies. And, in conclusion, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution—

Resolved, That we disapprove of members of the church using ardent spirits, as a beverage, at any time, or under any circumstances: and we recommend to the churches to use all suitable means to influence such as so use it, to stop the practice.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. L. FOX, *Chairman.*

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Report of the Committee on Periodicals.

The influence of Periodical Literature is now universally admitted. That this influence will frequently be pernicious, unless counteracted by moral and religious instruction, is as certain as that the earth will bring forth weeds and briars, where it remains unsown and uncultivated.

While your Committee highly approve of many periodicals, creditable both to the Editors and to our country, they recommend to the particular attention of the Convention, the Alabama Baptist. This paper, through the efforts of our brethren at Marion, has assumed great importance. Its subscription list is supposed to be larger than that of any other paper in the state. Its readers, supposing four to each paper, amount to about five thousand. That such a periodical should be conducted with prudence, learning, talents, and piety, needs not be urged.

Brother Jewett, for a long time the principal Editor, wishes to retire, for the purpose of devoting his whole time to the interests of the Judson Institute; your Committee, therefore, suggest the propriety of recommending, as the Editor of this paper, some brother, known to possess the important talents and acquirements, which qualify one for the diversified duties of that responsible station.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. P. BESTOR, *Chairman.*

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The Committee on Sabbath Schools Report:

That from the leanness of the data furnished this Convention by the Associations and Churches, they are unable to ascertain the interest felt, and the number of Sabbath Schools in the State; but, from verbal reports, they believe that this cause flourishes in almost every village, town and city in it.

Your committee fear, however, that there is too little interest felt in a cause so momentous to the present and rising generations. They are astonished, that an institution which has proved itself to be a nursery of piety to the church—which has aided parents in "bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord,"—which has assisted pastors so much in their laborious work, and from which so many distinguished christians and eminent ministers have come to bless the world, should be so much neglected by christians of this age.

Your committee are impressed with a belief, contrary to their wish, that there are but few Sabbath Schools in the country churches. They, therefore, respectfully request that every church in the State organize a Sabbath School, and teach their children, and others, the word of God, which is able to make them wise unto salvation.

Far be it from your committee to convey an idea that there is in the churches a decreasing interest in this important matter; but they speak thus to stir up their pure minds to an enterprize more important, than which, none now engages the attention of the religious world.

Respectfully submitted. H. E. TALIAFERRO, *Chairman.*

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The Committee on Education Report.

1. In Regard to the Howard College.—We rejoice in the strong evidences of its steadily increasing popularity and usefulness. Its Report furnishes many facts of a very interesting nature. It has now a Faculty of six instructors, and has elected as President, Professor Sherman, who from the commencement of this Institution has exerted himself with so much energy, ability, and success, in its management. The number of students already entered during the present collegiate year, is greater than at any former period. The Rev. A. W. Chambliss has labored with zeal as Agent of the Board, and succeeded in raising nearly $19,000 already, towards the $100,000 endowment, recommended last year.—Much valuable Apparatus has been purchased, and the debt on the building nearly extinguished. The prospects of the College were never so encouraging, nor its condition so prosperous. Amid such evidences of steady growth and rapid improvement, we must all rejoice. And as we only act wisely, and always do best, when working in accordance with the apparent purposes and providences of God, it seems plainly to be our duty to labor with all our strength, as Baptists, to make this Institution one of the greatest possible efficiency and service to the members of the denomination throughout the whole State. We therefore hope, that, if the Trustees see fit, our brother Chambliss, whose course has been one of zeal and usefulness in this agency, will be encouraged to go on, until the whole of the contemplated endowment is secured. From the most ancient times, Christians have been in the habit of leaving much of their property by will to endow Fellowships and Professorships in seminaries of pious learning. Nearly all the older institutions in the country are thus enriched. One of them possesses about $700,000 worth of property of this kind yielding an income of upwards of $42,000 a year. Many would find it a comfort to their declining years, to feel that they had disposed of their riches so as to be doing good to mankind, centuries after they had been gathered to their fathers and while slumbering in the dust.

II. In Regard to the Judson Institute.—We are gratified that its high reputation is still sustained, under the able management of Professor M. P. Jewett. Improvements in the building, and repairs have increased the indebtedness. This arose from the crowded state of the building, rendering increased accommodation exceedingly desirable. And arrangements have thus been made by which about twenty more young ladies can be accommodated, and by which the rooms are divided into smaller apartments, and other arrangements made, increasing the healthfulness and comfort of the Institution, and the value of the property. It is desirable for the institution not to be in debt; but we have unlimited confidence in the wisdom and caution of the Board of Trustees, and see the propriety of all the arrangements they have sanctioned.

III. In Regard to Education Generally, Coducted on Religious Principles, and under the Influence of our own Denomination.—In no country or age, where Christianity has gone, has education permanently flourished, except under its fostering care. This has ever been felt in regard to the higher institutions of learning, both male and female. Hence the presiding officers of such institutions are usually persons of distinguished piety. Religious influence, religious guidance alone, can secure prosperity. But this principle is quite as

applicable to the more incipient branches of instruction. Besides this, the influence of education is too great to be lost to religion. Youth is the forming season of character, the season at which conversions are most numerous, most desirable, and of the best character—the season, when evil principles imbibed form the most powerful and pernicious habits. We therefore respectfully suggest, as the Committee on Education, whether it is not worthy the very serious and prayerful efforts of the Convention, to lend their suggestive influence, to foster a system of more general education, conducted on religious principles, and under the guidance of our denomination. We hope the day will come, when most or all of our churches will have under their influence and control daily schools, for the instruction of the young. Other denominations, we are happy to perceive, are endeavoring to effect this, who are not half so numerous as we are, in this State. Even Roman Catholics are relying on it to propagate their corrupt principles. We possess facilities for doing the most extensive good, in this way. Large sections of the country are under our influence, and must receive all the education of a religious nature they obtain, through us. In proportion as this is done, our regular Sabbath congregations will be swelled with numbers of orderly and well trained youth. Sabbath schools will be filled, and the young trained to sing, with one heart and voice, hosannas to the Son of God and praises to the Heavenly Father.

If ever such a blessed state of things is to be brought about, as we devoutly hope it may, the Howard College and Judson Institute must be looked forward to, as the nurseries from which these hallowed influences are, humanly speaking, to be disseminated. In addition to their present usefulness, they will naturally thus become Baptist Normal Institutions, where numbers of pious teachers will flock to qualify themselves for usefulness in our denomination. Many Christian pastors too, educated here, would thus very easily be supported, with the lambs of the flock around them, training alike for time and for eternity, all through the week. These would otherwise have to rely, perhaps, on the farm or on the store, or on the distracting labors of some other profession for a living.

We are not prepared, however, to recommend at present, any specific action on this subject. We desire, rather, to commit it, most solemnly and earnestly to the thought, the wisdom, the prayers and the affections of the Convention. Nor would we suggest any thing more, than that the whole subject be referred, without occupying the time of this body by a single moment's discussion, to the action of a special committee, to be reported upon at our next annual meeting.—We conclude, therefore, by embodying in our report the following resolutions.

Resolved, That feeling the great importance of the Education of the young being conducted on religious principles it is desirable that our churches should do all in their power to encourage daily schools, whose funds are raised in any method most usual or convenient, and carried on in the ordinary manner, except that the education be conducted under a decidedly religious influence, and under the control and guidance of a committee of the churches; so that the young may be led to Christ before the world can get hold of them; to draw them astray; and that a committee of ten be appointed to take this whole subject into consideration, and report upon it, as they see best and practicable, at our next annual session.

2. That the Howard College and the Judson Institute are entitled to the cordial sympathy and support of the Baptists of Alabama, as growing centres and nurseries of an education earnestly religious, under the influence of our denomination, and thus entitled to its warmest support.

3. That the most liberal endowment of these Institutions is exceedingly desirable: And we are fully persuaded, that by the endowment of Professorships and Fellowships during their lives, and by bequeathing legacies for these pious purposes, those Christians to whom the Lord has entrusted wealth, may do much for the glory of God, their own everlasting happiness, and the welfare of immortal souls.

T. F. CURTIS, *Chairman.*

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Your Committee on the State of Religion beg leave to Report.

After offering up to Heaven our devout gratitude for the blessings of Providence, in the continued good health of our country, and the abundant productions of the earth, we have great cause, also, for thankfulness in the spiritual blessings which have been so richly bestowed upon us.

In reporting upon the *State of Religion*, in the denomination which we represent, as far as we can gather information from observation and written documents, we are of the opinion that it is in a *healthy* condition.

In reviewing the dealings of Providence over us the past conventional year, one feature of it is worthy of peculiar remark, that God in his infinite goodness has preserved the lives of so many of his ministers. Scarcely one has fallen a victim to death.

The past year, perhaps, has not been so distinguished for revivals and ingatherings in our churches as in some other parts of our history, though our increase has been considerable; and in the midst of our prosperity, in growing numbers, union and brotherly love every where abound among us. We have much cause for gratitude and devout humility, that whilst our denomination has been weakened and interrupted in some other States with *isms* and heresies, in Alabama the arch enemy has never succeeded to any serious extent in sowing the seeds of discord among the saints.

It is true, some few of our brethren do not see exactly with us in the great missionary enterprise of the age, yet they are, here and there, yielding their prejudices, which are chiefly from education, to the influences exercised through missionary operations. We would say upon this point, and in justice to our brethren who do not see as we do, that in their opposition to missions, they would not be understood as objecting to the gospel being preached to every creature under heaven, but their objections grow out of the *manner* in which it is done. One of your committee was present at an Association, a few weeks past, which had not engaged in the missionary enterprise. The above sentiment was there avowed; and after a friendly discussion and various explanations, those brethren yielded their objections, and the Association subscribed about $110 to support a missionary in their own bounds. We beg leave to give one incident of that discussion. The closing address was made by a private brother of great age and of venerable appearance. He arose upon his trembling limbs, with a white cap upon his head, and with streaming eyes referred to the *goodness* of God in converting his soul and preserving his life to see that meeting, where he was blessed with the privilege to express his feelings in behalf of perishing sinners who have not the Gospel. He then said, my brethren you *know* my poverty and see my inability to labor, but put me down ONE DOLLAR, for if I cannot earn one, I will beg my boys. I know they will give me a dollar. Put it down.

So that your committee are of the opinion that we have great reason to thank God and take courage; and that by a patient perseverance in all that is good, God will more abundantly crown our labors and make us a blessing to the world.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

O. WELCH, *Chairman.*

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Report on Foreign Missions.

The Committee call the attention of the Convention to the ample field for Foreign Missions, the small number of laborers, and the inadequate amount of means.

The Empire of China excites our interest for its antiquity, extent and population: and our sympathy for its Pagan and degraded worship. Yet in this vast field, we have only seven male, six female missionaries, and four native assistants. In Africa, a country larger than all North America, we have only three laborers. The rest of the nations in the East, and the Islands of the Sea, receive no laborers from us.

No subject, which has ever arrested the attention and the aid of the Christian, is more ample, more noble, and better calculated to call forth the united sympathy and effort of the wise, the good, and the benevolent, than the civilizing and Christianizing of the Pagan world.

The direct object of the missionary is to turn men from idols to the living God. In doing this, he promotes the general interests of mankind. He developes the resources of distant countries, decreases crime, mitigates punishment, advances science, promotes liberty, elevates females to their proper station and influence, teaches morality and rational accountability, and above all, becomes the messenger of salvation to millions of immortal souls.

Since our Southern organization, the State of Alabama, on the subject of Foreign Missions, has not moved forward with her accustomed energy. It is hoped that she will act with renewed effort, that an industrious and able agent will be employed, and that this State, rich in the blessings of climate, fertility, and population, will put forth its strength in aiding Foreign Missions, so noble in their object—so momentous in their consequences.

D. P. BESTOR, *Chairman.*

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Treasurer's Report.

W. N. WYATT, TREASURER ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

1846	Dr.		1846	Cr.	
Oct. 17,	To cash of Finance Com.	$747 06	Nov. 18,	Paid A. W. Chambliss, out of funds for missions to col'd. people, as per voucher No. 1.	22 50
" " " "	on hand for mission to colored people,	21 50	" 26,	Paid Mrs. Rutledge, as per voucher No. 2.	78 00
Dec.	To cash rec'd from Linden church per Rev. A. A. Cornelia, for Beneficiaries to How. College,	5 00	" 28,	Paid M. P. Jewett, for minutes, vouch. No. 3.	70 00
1847 Jan. 11,	Cash of L. B. Lane, Ch. Finance Committee,	23 05	Dec. 14,	J. H. De Votie, " " 4.	9 50
" "	Cash of A. W. Jackson, for For. & Dom. Mis.	5 00	Jan. 15,	B. Hodges, " " 5.	30 00
	Cash of Dr. J. G. Williams from Nanafalia church, for I. J. Roberts, Canton, China,	30 00	" "	W. Hornbuckle, " 6.	140 03
	Ditto for Educati. Fund Howard College,	15 00	" 26,	J. H. De Votie, " " 7.	10 00
Oct. 8,	Cash of Jas. Lide for ditto,	2 00	Feb. 16,	ditto, " " 8.	75 52
			Mar. 9,	J. B. Davis, " " 9.	43 70
			" 22,	Archibald Thomas, " 10.	331 36
			July 3,	ditto, " 11.	30 00
			Aug. 6,	John Patrick, vouch. 12.	6 05
				Jesse Hartwell, " 13.	1 95
		$848 61			$848 61

The above stated account of my receipts and disbursements as Treasurer of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM N. WYATT.

☞ The Auditing Committee have examined the above account current, and find it to be correct.

L. C. TUTT, *Chairman.*

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Report of the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The subject referred to your committee is intimately connected with the dearest interests of our churches, and with the salvation of a very large proportion of the population of our country. It at once commends itself to all who entertain correct views of the Redeemer's Kingdom. It is a system of *doing good*, established by the founder of the Christian religion. He was a domestic missionary. He preached the gospel to the poor. When his disciples would detain him too long in one place, he said, "Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also." "He went throughout every city and village preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the Kingdom of God." It is emphatically said of him, "*He* WENT ABOUT *doing good.*" Especially was his mission to the *poor* of "his own" country. This principle of disinterested benevolence shed a charming lustre along his entire pathway, gladdening the hearts of those accompanying him. Whether visiting from house to house, from village to village, by the sea-side or on the mountain-top, he gloried in "preaching the gospel to the poor, in healing the broken hearted, preaching deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind." He implanted this principle in the hearts of his disciples. He said to them, "Go unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel."—And "they went through the towns preaching the gospel and healing everywhere." In an eminent degree did the Apostles and ministers of Christ possess this spirit, after his ascension. It was this living, animating principle, which called into activity and directed all their energies, so that "daily in the temple and in every house they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

Hear one giving utterance to an overflowing soul: "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." Nay, he is ready to be made a sacrifice, if that would secure their salvation—"I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ, for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh."

This spirit was not confined to the *ministers* of the gospel. It animated the Apostolic churches. They gave themselves unto the Lord. In giving themselves they gave *all*. "They that had possessions sold them," and consecrated the proceeds to the work of "doing good." The poor gave according "to their power, yea, and beyond their power," to send the gospel to the destitute.

There is cause of profound gratitude to God that this principle now lives and moves among us. Ministers, not a few, are willing to leave comfortable homes, endeared friends, inviting churches and a competent support, for the hardship and privations of a missionary life among the *poor* and destitute. Many individuals, churches and associations are making commendable efforts to sustain these devoted servants of Christ. The God of missions is most graciously owning this "labor of love." Hundreds have been added unto the Lord, churches have been established, meeting houses erected, Sabbath schools and Bible classes organized; missionary, temperance and Bible societies formed; Bibles, tracts and religious books circulated. Many who were "sitting in the region and shadow of death have seen great light." Whole neighborhoods, as sterile as pagan deserts, have been made to "bud and blossom as the rose."

During the year, there have been employed in this State about twenty missionaries. The following summary of their united labors is as accurate as the data in the possession of your committee will furnish: 2500 days labor, 2000 sermons and addresses delivered; 520 received by baptism, 100 by letter; 2 meeting-houses built, 2 ministers and 6 deacons ordained; 6 churches constituted and 20,000 miles travelled; besides many families visited and religious books distributed.

In addition to the above encouraging features, we cannot fail to make grateful mention of the peculiar interest generally manifested in behalf of our colored

population. Almost every Association makes reports and passes resolutions on this subject. Missionaries are appointed to preach to the slaves; catechisms are prepared; in many instances classes are formed for oral instruction.—Churches are making more ample provision for their religious improvement.—Many pastors preach to them, in separate congregations, in the afternoon of each Sabbath of regular service. Some planters are erecting houses of worship upon their own premises, and employing at their own expense, missionaries to preach to their servants. Others are contributing, some their hundred and some their fifty dollars, for this special object. Thousands of servants have been brought to the knowledge of the truth, by these instrumentalities.

In view of these encouraging indications, your committee would urge upon your attention the following considerations:

1. That our responsibilities to increase our labors of love are in proportion to the measure of success which has attended our efforts. God has multiplied our churches and added largely to our numbers—thus increased our debt of gratitude. With the poor, he has brought in the rich—thus increased our ability—and the extent of our ability is the measure of our responsibility.

2. Our knowledge of the destitution of our country, increases our responsibility. We can no longer plead ignorance of our neighbors wants. We have abundant evidence that many families and neighborhoods possess neither the advantages of the living ministry nor have they the Bible. Many of mature age have never heard a Gospel sermon; and more who have not heard one in several years. They are exposed to fatal religious errors of varied and delusive forms. They are diseased and dying—dying by their sins and *in* their sins. We know these things and how can we excuse ourselves?

3. The fact that we possess the known and *only* remedy that can save them, increases our responsibility. The Gospel of Christ is the infallible remedy provided for sinners. This is the "power of God and the wisdom of God to them that believe." But "how can they believe on him of whom they have not heard, and how can they hear without a preacher, and how can they preach except they be sent?" Such is their condition, and such is the only remedy.—This we possess, together with the ability of giving it to them. How great must be our guilt if they perish through our neglect! What excuse can we render for our indifference? Are we indifferent? What excuse can we render for it! Have we no gratitude to God for the blessings and peculiar advantages we enjoy; no compassion for men perishing in their sins? If we say, "We have," let us test the strength of these emotions by unceasing exertions to give the gospel to the poor. Should the extent of our Christian benevolence be measured by the liberal and constant *sacrifices* we make to save souls, to what a small share of this grace can we lay claim? Let us look to the Cross, and from that exalted source draw our motives to active benevolence.

Your committee will close this report by recommending the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That we recognize the claims of Domestic Missions, as directly and imperatively addressed to us, and they should be met immediately.

Resolved, That pastors impress the duty upon every member of their churches, to make an annual contribution to this object.

Resolved, That pastors urge upon their members the scriptural obligation to send "the gospel to every creature;" and introduce, if practicable, some system of collections by which every object of benevolence will receive its merited attention.

Resolved, That pastors and churches make suitable arrangements for preaching to the colored members of their congregations, in the afternoon of each Sabbath of meetings, so far as practicable; and make such other arrangements for their oral religious instruction, as in their wisdom may be deemed prudent.

Respectfully submitted.

R. HOLMAN, *Chairman.*

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Report of the Committee on Finance.

	For. Bible Cause.	Mission in Central Assoc. Coosa co'ty	Southern Baptist Publication So'ty.	General Purposes.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	China Mission.	Dom. Bible Cause.	Beneficiaries in Howard College.	Indian Mission.	Total Amount.
Springhill Church,				45.00					60.00	5.00	110.00
Bethel Association						17.33					17.33
Lib. Asso., Chamb.					16.55	1.08				14.37	32.00
Mt.Pl.ch. Marengo				18.00							18.00
Bethlehem Asso'n.						5.50					5.50
Canton church,				10.00							10.00
Union church,				4.40							4.40
County Line ch.				37.10							37.10
Centre Ridge ch.						1.35					1.35
Cen. Asso. Sumter,					30.00						30.00
Oakmulgee church					25.00						25.00
Memphis church,							8.50				8.50
Canaan Associ'on,				2.25						31.00	33.25
Cahawba Vai. ch.							5.00				5.00
Union As. Pickens			4.25		14.50	47.00				2.00	67.75
Grant's Creek ch.			1.00		3.00	3.00			3.00		10.00
Concord c. Dallas,					4.00			4.00			8.00
Union Town ch.			9.75			25.00		9.75	9.75		54.25
Friends'p c. Green					50	7.50			12.00		20.00
Tuscaloosa Asso'n.						38.85					38.85
Tus. B. S. S. Soc'y.							14.85				14.85
Central Asso. Coosa		47.50									47.50
Wetumpka church		16.00									16.00
Benton church,						21.00			6.00	9.00	36.00
Ala. Association,					23.14	23.13				23.13	69.40
Collirene Fe. S. S.					16.10						16.10
Siloam ch. Marion,					45.25	45.25					90.50
Fem. Ben. S'ty. do.									23.50		23.50
Coosa River Assoc.										40.85	40.85
Talladega church,					44.00	30.00					74.00
Big Spring church			1.00		10.10	15.25		5.00		3.35	34.70
Tuskegee Asso'on.					18.73	18.72				47.50	84.95
St. Fran. st. c. Mob.									1.00		1.00
Montgomery ch.					50.00	50.00			11.20		111.20
Salem ch. Greensb.								4.50	51.25		55.75
Salem Association,						66.50					66.50
Cahawba Associ'n.				28.80							28.80
Collection on Sab.					40.70	40.70					81.40
Thomas Ringold,									15.00		15.00
Mrs. M. E. Rast,						5.00					5.00
Gains. c. & Bi. So.	13.88							13.87			27.65
Jas. G. Robertson,	10.00										10.00
	23.88	63.50	16.00	145.55	341.57	462.16	28.35	37.12	192.70	176.20	

Judson Female Institute Missionary Society, for *Education of a Female in China*,	40.00
Bethel Church, Greene County, for *Mission in the Cahawba Association*, - -	14.00
Colored People of Siloam Baptist Church, Marion, for *African Mission*, - -	14.75
Greensboro' Female Benevolent Society, for *Sabbath School Library Salem Church*	16.00
	1571.78

Choctaw Association $203.21, in pledges in hands of brother M. Ross.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM N. WYATT,
Chairman of Finance Committee.

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Report on Religious Instruction of the Colored People.

The Committee on Religious Instruction of the Colored People respectfully Report:

We rejoice in the abundant evidence that the subject is receiving continually deeper and wider attention. One most cheering fact is, that such has been the success every where met with, that no effort, once begun, has been abandoned; but there has been a continual progress. In every Association from which we have heard, some action more or less vigorous has been taken, and it is hoped the influence of their recommendations will be felt all over the State. A large majority, it is believed, of all the ministers connected with this body have separate exercises for the colored people in addition to the regular services of the churches, which, as usual, they also attend in considerable numbers.

The committee still feel, however, that this is, as to religion, the most neglected class of our population, and that from them comes the loudest call upon our Christian sympathies and labors. Those who feel and do most, must be still more zealous, and all must be persuaded to do something. The reasons which should excite to more activity in the cause, and which show its pre-eminent claims on us, are so numerous, that we can only allude to a few of them.

1. They are here, in our midst, speaking our language. No expensive outfit, no tedious years spent in acquiring the strange accents of a foreign tongue, no hazardous acclimation to unhealthy regions, no accommodation to the prejudices and outlandish habits of a strange people, no painful absence from home, and friends, and civilized life, is required for the vigorous prosecution of the work among them.

2. They are entirely dependent upon us. If we are silent and speak not to them the words of life, *they are lost*. The whole horizon to them is dark, save the single spot where Southern Christians stand, and if no light comes thence, they will be in darkness indeed. To them the written word of God is a sealed book; other religious books and tracts are placed out of their reach by laws rendered necessary by the blind fanaticism of others; no missionary from another land comes to them, nor if he came could we permit him to go among them. We alone are our colored brethren's keepers, and if their souls die, against *us* will their blood call to God out of the ground.

3. They are ours, they belong to us. The relation existing by "the domestic institution," is analogous to that of parents and children, and makes them a part of our families. Like Abraham, then, let us order our households after us in the Lord's way. They are ours, linked inseparably to us; our happiness, our character, our standing are intimately connected with their behaviour, their improvement, their temporal and eternal well being. And since it is they who, in part, provide for us the means of sending the gospel to others, is it not "just and equal" that a sufficient portion of that which has been obtained by their labor, should be expended to preach to them the glad tidings of salvation!

4. Something is practicable. Here is the point where many doubt. Probably the great reason why so little is done, is that it is thought that little can be done. They are, however, in fact a most impressible people, and listen to the word with most eager attention, when preached to them warmly and affectionately. This is the testimony of all who have tried it. To illustrate this point, however, we beg to refer to the condition of things in Liberty county, Georgia, where a joint mission is carried on among them by the Presbyterians and Baptists. The number of colored people in the District is 4212, of whom 1139 (more than one-fourth of the whole and more than half the adults) are members of some church, most of them Baptists. Where shall we find among whites, a popula-

tion more generally evangelized than this? Yet this is what patience in well doing has accomplished. The results upon the peace and good order of the community are evident from the following facts. Out of 125 plantations, 60 have no white person regularly resident upon them any part of the year, being only visited during the day by their owners or managers; 24 only have the owner or manager resident permanently the year round. Yet, in the whole district, there is not any regularly organized or active patrol. The arm of force has been rendered unneccessary by the peaceful influence of the gospel. The planters testify that this religious reformation has increased the value of their property to 10 or 12 per cent. Drunkenness, robberies and disorders are rare, and yearly becoming more so. Prayer and hymns ascend from nearly every one of their cabins, in social prayer meetings on the plantation, or in family devotion, as regularly as the smoke from their chimneys. The church members generally, conduct themselves with great propriety, and cases of discipline are scarcely more frequent than in our white churches.

5. The only other reason we shall present, is that arising from the Providence of God. Why did he permit them to be brought here? Why, against our will, and in spite of the earnest protestations of our Southern colonies, was it allowed that they should be forced upon us and placed under our control—if not that we should be to them agents of good, the bearers of the gospel. Instead of the gospel being sent to the heathen, God has in this case brought the heathen to the gospel. And now, the Providence of God seems to be opening a wider prospect of good, when the Christianized negro of America shall go back to his own land, and proclaim to his own kinsmen the unsearchable riches of Christ. Where else, but from the Southern States of America, is the seed to go, which shall be sown in the fertile soil of Africa?

The only remaining part of our duty is, to suggest some feasible plans for the accomplishment of what is believed to be the almost universal desire of the Baptists of Alabama, the religious improvement of the colored people.

Masters may do very much by encouraging the assembling of their servants for religious worship, by providing suitable places for their meetings, by having them to attend family worship when convenient, or embracing other occasions for reading the Scriptures to them and prayer. An active, pious son or daughter, may do much in this way. Preaching seems generally to be most useful when addressed expressly to them, though there are many of them able to profit from the regular exercises in the churches. Some churches have adopted the plan of meeting with their colored people on one Sabbath in the month besides their monthly meeting, for the purpose of instructing them, (teaching them hymns, catechisms and passages of Scripture,) and worshipping with them.—This has been found so eminently successful and so useful both to teachers and taught, that the Union Association have recommended it to all their churches.

In some churches where there are large numbers of colored people, the following plan has been found admirably adapted to their orderly discipline and building up in the faith. The colored members meet once a month just before the regular meeting of the church, under the superintendance of the pastor or some experienced white member, who presides and keeps in a book belonging to the church, a record of all their proceedings. The colored people are considered as a sort of Committee of the church to attend to their own affairs, and recommend what they think best for the action of the church as to the reception and discipline of colored members. These records are read over at every church meeting, and the vote of the church taken upon each particular item requiring action; and nothing done by the colored people takes effect until so approved by the church. In connection with this, weekly prayer-meetings are kept up, attended by some white persons; and a suitable number of the most pious and ex-

perienced colored brethren are appointed watchmen or leaders, who have a general care over them. This last feature is found to be of great advantage. We hope that these suggestions may at least be sufficient to awaken attention to the subject.

As the "Catechetical Instructor" by Rev. A. W. Chambliss has been already recommended by this Convention, we deem it only necessary to advise our brethren to examine, and use it, where they may find it expedient.

B. MANLY, *Jr. for the Committee.*

Names and Post-offices of Baptist Ministers in Alabama, 1847.

ALABAMA ASSOCIATION.

John Dennis, *Cambridge.*
D R W McIver, *Richmond.*
R Carson, *Pleasant Hill.*
M M McWilliams, *Farmersville:*
Jesse Lee, "
Henry Talbird, *Montgomery:*
W N Cone, *Tiari.*
J D Moodie, *Vernon:*
David Lee, *Mount Willing.*
J Reeves,
A T M Handy, *Montgomery.*
J C Collins,
T D Armstrong, *Montgomery:*
W S Lloyd, *Tuskeegee.*
John Robertson, *Hickory Grove..*

COOSA RIVER ASSOCIATION.

J M Scott, *Harpersville.*
P Archer, *Silver Run.*
O Welch, *Weoakeville.*
R Pace, *Alexandria.*
William McCane, *Fife,*
S G Jenkins, *Silver Run:*
H E Tallaferro, *Talladega.*
D E Pace, *Court Hill.*
H D Acker, *Blue Eye.*
Thos Calley, *Talladega.*
D Peebles, *Weoakaville.*
J Truss, *Ashville.*
J P Roden, *Fayetteville.*
M Garrett, *Court Hill.*
J Foreman, *Hatchee.*
E Martin, *Blue Eye.*
J B Renfro, *Alexandria.*
Jordan Williams, *Talladega.*

UNION ASSOCIATION.

M B Clement, *Forkland.*
E B Teague, *Eulaw.*
C Stewart, *Carrollton.*
C B Saunders, "
E Gore, *Yorkville:*
Elijah Smith, *Piekensville.*
R Wilkins, *Corrollton.*
M P Smith, *Pleasant Grove.*
J A Hodges, *Fosters.*
*T Deloach, *Carrollton.*
*W H Robertson,
J H Taylor, *Pleasant Ridge.*
A M Hanks, *Olney:*
D Duncan, *Yorkville.*
W R Stancell, *Carrollton.*
J M Perry, *Yorkville:*
Isam Parker, *Pleasant Grove.*
J C Foster, *Fosters.*
*James Toole, "
*M C Curry, *Carrollton.*

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION—COOSA AND TALLAPOOSA.

B H Wilson,
J D Williams, *Wetumpka.*
P H Lundy, "
*James Jeter,
*Robert Stewart,
James M Russell,
A VanHoose,
*A M Hunter,
—— Reynolds.

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*LICENSED.

CAHAWBA ASSOCIATION.

A G McCraw, *Selma.*
John S Ford, *Marion.*
W L Cochran *Centreville.*
N Haggard,
*Jas R Haggard,
*H Mathews, *Havanna.*
*P E Collins, *Selma.*
Thomas Chilton, *Greensborough.*
Russell Holman, *Marion.*
C M Breaker, "
W R Meadow, "
J H De Votie, *Marion.*
M P Jewett, "
C J Crews, "
Solon Lindsley, *Mobile.*
J E Summers, *Greensborough.*
Jesse Hartwell D. D. *Marion.*
*James Abbott, "
*—— Compere, "
*—— Milner, "

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Daniel Ward, *Centreville.*
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J O Cumbie,
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J Norris,
Willis Burns,
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R S Adams, "
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J Asken,
L L Fox, *Union Town.*
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Jesse Reeves,
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*J B Pruit,
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*E T Smith,
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P Musgrove *Blountsville.*
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J H Edmiston, *Moulton.*
S Gibson, *Houston's Store.*
William Irwin, *Cedar Plains.*
William Lucas, *Decatur.*
J W Woolard, *Somerville.*

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Norfleet Goodwin, "
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*A G Smith,
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*George Traywick,
Lewis Hurbin, *Fayette.*
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Jesse Walden, *Fayette Co.*
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*J L Lindsley,

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Martin Toweny,
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Joseph H Holloway,
William Crutchee,

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M Jeter, *Pintalla.*
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Joseph Tipton, *Farmersville*
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Luke Hanie, *Wetumpka.*
J G Eden,
John Gayden,
John Blackstone,
Daniel Rowe,
Benjamin Lloyd, *Wetumpka.*
Benjamin Foscue,
R Clayton,

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Richard Wood, *Montevallo.*
A McDonald, *Cedar Grove.*
J Byars, *Truss's.*
J Moor, *Cedar Grove.*
J Tate, *Mount Pinson,*
A G Waldrop, *Jonesborough.*
H G Smith, *Jonesborough.*
*O Franklin, Sr. "
*N Skelton, "
*T Franklin, *Trnss's.*
John Sansing, *Flora.*

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION—SUMTER COUNTY.

Lemuel Callaway, *Gaston.*

W J Callaway, *Berrien.*

CHOCTAW ASSOCIATION.

D P Bestor, *Gainesville.*

P G Edmonds, *Bluff Port.*

STATISTICAL VIEW OF BAPTISTS IN ALABAMA, A. D. 1847.

Names of Associations.	Date of Min.	Age.	No. churches.	Ord. Minis.	Licentiates.	Baptized.	Total	Loss.	Gain.	Am'nt. p'd. for Do. La. within bounds	Names of Moderators and Clerks, with their Post-office.	Time and Place of Next Annual Meeting, 1848.
MISSIONARY.												
Alabama,	1847	28	33	13		318	3446	44		$275.	D Lee, M. *Mount Willing;* A T M Handy, C. *Montgomery.*	Elim Church, Montgomery, Oct. 6.
Bethlehem,	1847	31	47	23	1	311	3199		122	400.00	Alexander Travis, M. *Evergreen;* Platt Stout, C. *Portland.*	Pineville Ch., Monroe Co., Sept. 23.
Bethel,	1847	27	26	17	2	135	1920		20	133.40	John Tolbert, M. S. Wright, C. *Laurel Hill.*	New Hope Ch., Clarke Co.. Sept. 30.
Cahawba,	1847	30	34	13	7	439	4487		621	287.50	T Chilton, M. *Greensborough;* W S Miree, C. *Perryville.*	Friendship Ch., Perry Co., Oct. 14.
Central, Coosa Co.	1847	3	10	4	3	28	403		176	47.45	B H Wilson, M. *Wetumpka;* W W Mason, C. *Wetumpka.*	Friendship Ch., Coosa Co., Oct. 14:
Coosa River,	1847	14	31	15	3	211	1940		282		O Welch, M. *Weokaville;* S G Jenkins, C. *Silver Run.*	Lebanon Ch. Talladega Co. Sept. 16
Cherokee,	1847	6	12	2		23	551	7		76.	W C Mynatt, M. *Ashville;* F M Hardwick, C. *Ashville.*	Providence ch. Dekalb co. Sept. 22
Muscle Shoal,	1847	28	39	16		163	3024		66	375.	S Gibson, M. *Houston's Store;* A L Stoval, C. *Mount Hope.*	Tuscumbie ch, Franklin co, Sept 29
Mulberry,	1847	20	32	11		174	1396		156		J Bankston, M. *Rockford;* A D Blackwood, C. *Burnsville.*	Mulberry church, Bibb co, Sept 23
Liberty, Chambers.	1847	12	33	13	6	163	2037	53		104.	F Callaway. M. *La Fayette;* Britton Stamps, C. *La Fayette.*	J Kirkland's, Randolph co, Sept 23
Salem,	1847	9	35	16	2	274	1872		151	314.17	W H Parker, M. *Union Springs;* P M Callaway, C. *Eufanla.*	Mount Moriah church, September 30
Tuscaloosa,	1847	14	34	13	1	273	2158		265	184.50	W S Meek, M. *Tuscaloosa;* M D J Slade, C. *Tuscaloosa.*	Concord ch, Fayette county, Sept 16
Tallassehatchie,	1847	14	20	9	6	157	936				Silas Witt, M John Ritchey, C.	Cedar Creek ch, Randolph, Sept 30
Tuskegee,	1847	2	21	15	3	100	1319		108	68.	R Thornton, M. *Salem;* Clark Aldridge, C. *Hallawaka.*	County Line ch, Russell co, Sept 16
Liberty, Sumter.	1847	10	10	8	5	126	549		128		N Slay, M. *Intercourse;* W J Parker, C. *Kinterbish.*	Siloam ch., Sumter county, Sept 23
Union,	1847	12	28	15	4	212	1674		201	340.	J H Taylor, M. *Hope;* A M Hanks, C. *Olney.*	Friendship ch, Greene co, Sept 23
Canaan,	1847	30	16	7	3	101	1021		215	160.	Joseph Byers, M. *Truss's;* A J Waldrop, C. *Jonesboro'.*	Ruhama ch, Jefferson co, Sept 30
Choctaw,	1846	9	10	3			1125				John Micou, M. *Louisville, Mi.* M Ross, C. *Blackwater, Mi.*	October 14
Central, Sumter.	1847	2	6	4	1	40	333		40		J M Callaway, M. *Blacks Bluff;* J P May, C. *Livingston*	Livingston ch, Sumter co, Oct 21
Columbus,	1847	10	5			22	330		85		J Whitfield, M. *Columbus, Mi.* I Harrison, Jr. C. *Columbus.*	Prarie Grove, Noxubee, Miss. Sept 9
Liberty, Madison	1847	10	9	5		104	566			50.	J Seale, M. *Athens;* J D Battle, C. *Meridianville.*	Enon ch, Madison county, Sept 15
Chattahoochee,	1845		6				331					
Bethel,			1				46					
Tallapoosa,			1				34					
Harmony,			1				16					
Leaf River,			2				100					
North River,	1847	13	19	7	6	61	814			200.	D W Anderson, M. T M Gabbert, C.	Pilgrim's Rest, Fayette co, Sept 22

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ANTI-MISSION.												
Ebenezer,	1847	10	24	8	2	34	1225		82		D Moore, M. *Benton;* L B Moseley, C. *Cahawba.*	Ebenezer ch, Dallas county, Sept 29
Wetumpka,	1847	5	16	10		17	479		31		Luke Haney, M. *Wetumpka;* B Lloyd, C. *Wetumpka.*	Fish Pond ch, Coosa county, Sept 21
Pilgrim's Rest,	1847	11	11	4	1	31	468				Henry Petty, M. *Eutaw;* Elijah Edge, C. *Eutaw.*	Bethlehem ch, Greene co, Sept 29
Will's Creek,	1847	11	13	4		31	280				J Gilliland, M. *Double Spring;* Joel Casey, C. *Double Spring.*	Gilead ch, Cherokee county, Sept 29
Beulah,			27	13			865					
Zion's Rest,			6	2			181					
Flint River,	1847	33	17	6		34	1010				Wm Crutcher, M. Saml Parker, C.	Briar Fork ch, Madison co, Oct 7
Mount Zion,	1838		14				250					
Shoal Creek,	1838		7				280					
Buttehatchee,	1843		15	8			624					
Conecuh River,	1838		20				550					
Macedonia,	1844		17				389					
Mud Creek,	1846		16	5			527					
Lost Creek,	1844		7	2			250					
Antioch,	1838		5				100					
Lookout,			5				100					
Predestinarian.	1847		3	3			49				T C Hunt, M. I M Evans, C.	8 churches in Miss.; 107 members.
Upatoi,	1844	1					29					

RECAPITULATION.—*Missionary:* 519 churches; 229 Ord. Min.; 53 Licentiates; 3435 baptized; 35,627 communicants; 2532 gain; $3008 02 for Dom. Miss.
" *Anti-Mission:* 225 " 63 " " 3 " 183 " 7,656 "
TOTAL, 744 292 56 3618 43,283

NOTE.—The Churches below are not reckoned in the above table, being out of the limits of Alabama.

The Liberty Association, East Alabama, has 1 church in Georgia, 75 members, 0 baptized. The Tallassehatchie has 3 churches in Georgia, 103 members, 1 baptized. The Bethlehem Association has 4 churches in Florida, 266 members, 32 baptized. The Liberty Association, North Alabama, has 7 churches in Tennessee, 307 members, 14 baptized. The Liberty, South Alabama, has 18 churches in Mississippi, 518 members, 62 baptized. The Columbus Association has 15 churches in Mississippi, 1324 members, 63 baptized. The North River United has two churches in Mississippi, 54 members, 2 baptized. In 1846 the Choctaw had in Mississippi 20 churches and 1495 members.

MINUTES OF THE

ALABAMA BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY,

AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING, HELD IN GREENSBOROUGH,

NOVEMBER 21, 1847.

The anniversary sermon of the Alabama Baptist Bible Society was delivered in the Baptist Meeting House, Greensborough, on Sabbath evening, November 21st. by Rev. M. B. Clement, to a large and attentive audience.

The Rev. J. H. De Votie followed in a few forcible and interesting remarks.

The Society met according to notice on Monday evening for the transaction of business.

Rev. J. H. De Votie, was elected *President.*

M. B. Clement and O. Welch, *Vice Presidents.*

E. A. Blunt, *Treasurer.*

L. C. Tutt, *Secretary.*

L. C. Tutt, was appointed *Treasurer pro tem.*

Addresses were delivered by Rev. D. P. Bestor and others. The annual report of the Board of Managers was read and adopted. Liberal contributions were made by the members of the Convention and ladies and gentlemen present to the objects of the Society.

Brethren Holman, Chilton and Jenkins, were appointed a Committee to nominate managers. The President and Secretary were appointed a Committee to examine and audit the Treasurers account. Adjourned to meet again on Tuesday evening.

On Tuesday evening after the adjournment of the Convention the Society again met.

Voted, that two hundred and fifty dollars be appropriated by this Society to the Foreign Distribution of the Bible.

The Committee appointed to nominate Managers, reported the following, viz. L. B. Lane, M. P. Jewett, H. Talbird, J. Hartwell, G. Huckabee, D. P. Bestor. Nomination unanimously confirmed.

Rev. Thomas Chilton was appointed to preach the next anniversary sermon, E. B. Teague, alternate.

The Society then adjourned until its next annual meeting.

L. C. TUTT, *Secretary.*

Report of the Board of Managers.

The limited means at the command of the Board have not permitted them to accomplish much in giving the Bible to the destitute, during the last year.—They have had no regular agents employed, but through the voluntary services of the Rev. J. Haggard and Mr. I. T. Herrick, 514 destitute families have been supplied with Bibles and 117 with Testaments; mostly in the counties of Jefferson, Shelby and Bibb. In some cases books were sold, the greater part were given.

It is a source of deep and painful regret to the Board that they have been able to do no more in this important enterprise. They have ample evidence of the very great destitution which exists generally throughout the State, and believe that if christians really appreciated the full value of God's Holy Word, they would do more—infinitely more towards putting this precious treasure into the hands of their friends and neighbors. It is hoped that the Society will, in its wisdom, devise some plan by which our future operations may be rendered more extensive and efficient.

J. H. DE VOTIE, *President.*

S. S. SHERMAN, *Secretary.*

Report of the Treasurer of the Alabama Baptist Bible Society.

ALABAMA BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY, IN ACCOUNT WITH E. A. BLUNT, TREASU'R.

1846–7. *Cash Received.*

Nov. 17, Am't on hand cash & pledg,	461 30
Feb. 17, Of W.N.Wyatt, Tr. A. B. S. C.	69 88
Mar. 10, Of Hezekiah Nettle, -	3 00
April 3, Of J.H.DeVotie, sale of books,	75 00
May 17, Of I. F. Herrick, books sold,	30 00
" 19, Of Dr. Stewart and Lady,	10 00
" 26, Of J. H. DeVotie, books sold,	16 00
June 3, Of Dr. T. M'Iver per J.Mitchel,	5 00
Sept.16, Of J. H. DeVotie, books sold,	122 75
" 11, " " "	10 00
Oct. 8, Of James Lide, - -	1 00
" 30, Of J. H. DeVotie, books sold,	20 00
Nov. 18, " " "	116 88
" 19, Of W.N.Wyatt, Tr. A. B. S. C.	7 64
Of Finance Com. for Home Distribution,	37 12
Of " " " Foreign "	23 88
Of Grant's Creek Bible Society, -	30 00
Of O Welch, 6; C F Sturgis, 1; -	7 00
Of A W Chamblis, 1; O H Perry, 1;	2 00
Of J J Bradford, 1; C C Huckabee, 6;	7 00
Of T F Curtis, 6; G Huckabee. 6; -	12 00
Of J C Hill, 5; T Ringold, 5; - -	10 00
Of D T Stephens, 5; A T M Handy, 1;	6 00
Of A Van Hoose, 1; E B Teague, 1;	2 00
Of T H Atkinson, 1; J W Williams, 1;	2 00
Of R Fleming, 1; A J Seale, 1; -	2 00
Of W M High, 1; J G Huckabee, 2;	3 00
Of M B Clement 1; D Couch 1; I Lyon 6;	8 00
Of E Norris, 1; S Henderson, 1; -	2 00
Of A A Connella, 5; J E Summers, 1;	6 00
Of EJ Palmer 1; P Stout 1; W Mitchell 1;	3 00
Of J B Eddins, 1; S Lindsley, 1; -	2 00
Of O W Martin, 1; Ed Prince, 5; -	6 00
Of C Williams, 1; J Head, 5; J Talbot, 1;	7 00
Of W J Croom, 5; M P Jewett, 5;	10 00
Of B Manly Jr. 1; R Holman, 5; -	6 00
Of D Cummings, 1; S Duboss, 1; -	2 00
Of L L Fox, 1; S G Jenkins, 1; -	2 00
Of E C Norris, 1; T Chilton, 6; -	7 00
Of D P Bestor, 6; J H DeVotie, 5;	11 00
Of L C Tutt, 1; S Webb, 50c; -	1 50
Of J Hartwell, 5; H E Taliaferro, 1;	6 00
Of J H Foster, 5; J L M Curry, 5;	10 00
Of D Eddins, 5; J R Haggard, 5; -	10 00
Of W Walker, 5; Mrs Phipps, 1; -	6 00
Of Mrs M Talbird 1; Mrs S J Connella 5;	6 00
Of Mrs W Walker 1; Mrs M F Hartwell 1;	2 00
Of Mrs W Croom 1; Mrs N Lane 5;	6 00
Mrs H Tinker 1 50; Miss E R Eddins 5;	6 50
Miss H Eddins 1 50; Miss M Dillard 1;	2 50
Miss H Croom 1; Miss W Lane 1;	2 00
Mrs M S Hendon 1; Miss A Hogan 1;	2 00
Mrs MC DeVotie 5; Miss E B Hartwell 1;	6 00
Mrs M A and Miss G A H Huckabee,	2 00
Of R P Lide, for Bibles, - -	5 00
Of the Collirene Bible Society, -	5 20
Of I Lyon for 1 Bible 20c; H Talbird 1;	1 20
WN Wyatt 1; Miss M Peck 1; A Perry 1;	3 00
	$1247 35
To bal. on hand in cash and pledges,	$553 46

1846–7. *Cash Disbursed.*

Nov. 21, By amount paid for Bibles,	16 50
" 28, Paid for publishing Minutes,	30 00
Dec. 21, Amount paid for books, -	13 00
Feb. 5, Paid for hauling 2 boxes books,	2 10
" 22, Sent I M Allen, Tr. A. & F. B. S.	100 00
Jan. 12, " " "	4 56
Mar. 15, Sent J B Taylor for For. distri.	100 00
April 3, Amount paid for books, -	6 10
" 8, " " for book case,	28 40
May 17, " " for Bibles, -	10 00
June 11, Sent I M Allen, Treasurer,	100 00
Sept. 12, " " "	62 10
Oct. 15, " " "	100 00
Nov. 12, " " "	50 00
" 18, Paid J H DeVotie for bibles,	60 73
" 23, Paid Harrison by J R Haggard,	5 40
Paid N Haggard for colportage,	5 00
	$693 89
Amount on hand in cash and pledges,	553 46
	$1247 35

The above account current of my Receipts and Disbursements as Treasurer of the Bible Society for the year 1847, is respectfully submitted.

E. A. BLUNT.

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the above stated account and vouchers, showing a balance in cash and pledges in the hands of the Treasurer of $553 46, and find it to be correct.

J. H. DE VOTIE, }
L. C. TUTT, } *Auditing Committee.*